



# John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

Massachusetts and Rhode Island

**Authorized** November 10, 1986

**Years since Designation**

1986

2002

**Management Entity** Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission

**Management Plan Status** approved

**Square Mileage of Counties in Heritage Area** 1,926

## 2000 Census Data

Data	2000 Census	Percent Change from 1990
<i>Total Population</i>	1,372,565	+5.1
<i>Persons under 18 Years</i>	24.8	+6.0
<i>Persons 25-44 Years</i>	30.4	-5.8
<i>Persons Over 65 Years</i>	13.8	-6.1
<i>White Alone, Percent</i>	80.2	-11.7
<i>Hispanic Origin, Percent</i>	10.1	+77
<i>Black or African American, Percent</i>	4.6	+19.5
<i>Median Household Income (2000 \$)</i>	41,194	-4.3
<i>Percent Unemployed</i>	4.6	-35.2
<i>Percent Below Poverty Level</i>	13.7	+35.1

## Resources Profile

<i>Number of National Register Properties</i>	888
<i>Number of National Historic Landmarks</i>	22
<i>National Natural Landmarks</i>	1
<i>National Park Units</i>	1

**Congressional Districts** 6

**Local Government Units** 211



## Profile

The American Industrial Revolution began here along some 46 miles of river and canals running from Worcester, Massachusetts, to Providence, Rhode Island. The Mills (including Slater Mill), villages, and associated transportation networks in the Blackstone Valley together tell the story of industrialization.

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